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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed January 9, 2006, Applicants elect Group a) (claims 1-16) without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that the claims in Group b) (claims 17-20) be retained for possible reinstatement in the event that the elected claims are allowable.

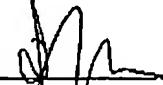
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